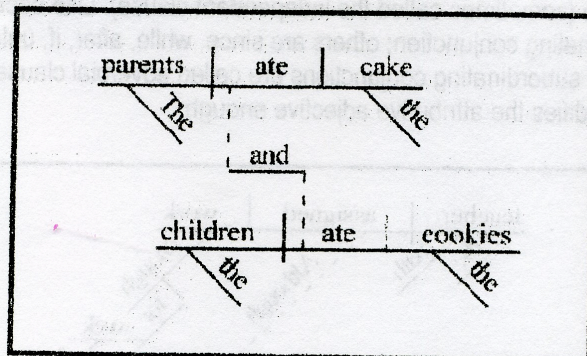


COMPOUND SENTENCE

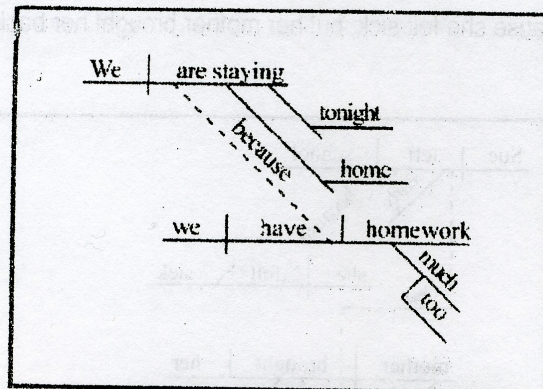
The parents ate the cake, and the children ate the cookies.



A compound sentence consists of two or more main clauses (clauses that are able to stand alone if necessary), often joined by a coordinating conjunction (usually and, or, or but). In a diagram, one arranges the clauses from top to bottom according to their position in the sentence. The absence of a coordinating conjunction can be shown with an x.

COMPLEX SENTENCE

We are staying home tonight because we have too much homework.



A complex sentence contains a main clause and a subordinate clause; the latter cannot stand alone. The subordinating conjunction, in this sentence the word because, is placed on a broken diagonal line that runs from the main verb down to the verb of the subordinate clause.